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Northern Border Regional Commission Announces Availability of \$25m in New 2024 Timber for Transit Program

The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) is pleased to announce preliminary details of the Timber for Transit Program. The Timber for Transit Program is designed to advance the use of domestic forest products in transportation infrastructure projects across Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont to showcase the capabilities of wood in these applications. Highly competitive projects will demonstrate and widely promote the utility of high-value forest products (e.g. glued laminated timber, cross laminated timber, composite materials, etc.) in transportation infrastructure and commit to enhancing climate resilience in rural communities.

“Some of our region’s most iconic and historic transportation structures, such as covered bridges, were constructed with wood. The Commission seeks to build on this legacy by harnessing the innovation of the forest products industry to support the construction of modern infrastructure that incorporates wood materials. This sector represents both a market opportunity for the industry as well as a means to utilize more climate friendly materials in building community centered projects that serve travelers and passengers,” said **NBRC Federal Co-Chair Chris Saunders**.

Information sessions are scheduled for Monday, February 12 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST and Tuesday, February 13 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. EST to provide a more in-depth presentation of the Timber for Transit program. Additional information and registration links are available [here](#).

These federal resources will be competitively awarded through two funding rounds with a minimum of \$25m available across both rounds in 2024. Applicants are required to express interest through a pre-application, which must be submitted using NBRC’s online Grants Management System by 5:00 p.m. EST on March 15, 2024 [Round 1] or September 6, 2024 [Round 2]. Questions about eligibility and the pre-application or application should be directed to the NBRC’s Timber for Transit Program Manager, Marina Bowie at mbowie@nbrc.gov or (603) 369-3001.

The funds for this program, and all NBRC programs, are available thanks to the support of the Congressional Delegations of all four NBRC states: Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont.

About the NBRC

Created in 2008, the Northern Border Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership whose mission is to help alleviate economic distress and encourage private sector job creation in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont.